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Chinese Communist Army Relief Tickets

1. Since 1 August 1952, the North Korean army headquarters has been issuing Chinese Communist army relief tickets (hou chu ch'uan, 1775/0504/0457) to traveling North Korean soldiers. These tickets are supposed to give their bearers immunity from the frequent spot checks made by Chinese Communist army security units and to allow them to travel by rail at half-fare. Although relief tickets are issued by the North Korean army, they are stamped with MAO Tse-tung's name. North Korean personnel on official trips carry the ticket along with their regular travel orders, and military personnel traveling in Chinese Communist army territory without the relief ticket are regarded with considerable suspicion. For some time the Chinese Communist army has been issuing this relief ticket to Chinese soldiers being discharged from hospitals to allow them travel priority and expedite their return to their units.

Combined Soviet and Chinese Communist Anti-Aircraft Artillery Unit

2. In early September, an anti-aircraft artillery unit, with 40 Soviet and 70 Chinese Communist soldiers, all dressed in the same type of uniform, was in five air-raid shelters at approximately 125-36, 39-36 (YD-243867). This unit was equipped with 8 x 85-mm. and 2 x 37-mm. anti-aircraft guns, which were well camouflaged. The Chinese Communist soldiers ate in civilian houses and the Soviet soldiers in the shelters.

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105 Tank Unit

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3. On 10 August the 105 Tank Unit, with 150 tanks, arrived from the north and dispersed around a hill 2 kilometers northeast of Mirim-ni (125-51, 39-01) (YD-4722) Airfield. This unit, commanded by a Soviet officer, comprised 20 Soviets, 50 Chinese Communists, and 150 North Koreans. Training maneuvers were held every night, usually from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. The tanks would leave the shelters in formation, with a Soviet at the head of each column, travel along the highway toward P'yongyang, turn into the hilly area, and return to the camp site.

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